William C. Whitney Does Not Wish for the Presidency.

Ex-Secretary Tells His Friends Sincerely That He Would Not Turn His Head to Secure It. His Relations With President Cleveland.

William C. Whitney is not a candi date for the presidency. He tells all his friends, and tells them sincerely, that if he could win both the nomina tion and election by a simple turning of his hand he would still put ambition chind him. He means it too. What he would do in the event of Democracy calling him to the front is another thing. Mr. Whitney does not want the nomination, but at the same time it is safe to predict that he will not decline it if it be offered him. So far as I know no man ever did refuse a presidential nomination by one of thegreat political

It is an odd thing that this mar who is in so many minds the most avail able Democrat for 1896 is himself whol ly without ambition. There is no hum buggery about Mr. Whitney's declaration that he is not a candidate. He is not waiting to be coaxed. He is not playing the cov maiden game which General Harrison is suspected of amusing himself with.

Wherever one goes, in Washington, New York, Boston, Whitney's name is talked of in connection with the presi I have heard it from the lips of cabinet ministers and important govern ment officials at Washington. The politicians and business men of New York echo it. Only a day or two ago, across the bay at Sorrento, I was surprised to hear Chief Justice Fuller say that if Mr. Cleveland is not to stand for a third term-and he had no idea Mr Cleve land would permit any such thing-Whitney was by long odds the mes available man in sight. This is what the chief justice said, and if any one imagines Melville Weston Fuller is not a good politician or judge of politica conditions he should undeceive himself.

William C. Whitney is one of the Many people do not understand him They cannot conceive of a man with : gift for politics and public service with out desire to held office. It is not too much to say that Mr. Whitney has this gift. He today, without much question is the ablest politician before the public His ability as an administrative official was abundantly shown while he was secretary of the navy. In 1892 he showed what he could do as a conven-tion and campaign manager. Cleveland had great difficulty in inducing Mr Whitney to take a sent in his cabinet during the first term. He declined at first and accepted but two or three days before the inauguration at Mr Cleveland's urgent appeal. He accepted then more to please his wife than him-

had managed the campaign for Mr. Cleveland's nomination and election with such signal success, most people thought he would be rewarded with a seat in the cabinet. Probably not more than half a dozen men knew that Mr. Whitney would take no office. Every one whitney would take no office. Every one else supposed a man who had worked as Mr. Whitney had worked, who had given so magnificently of his strength and money, was after something, but he wasn't. The victory gained, that was all he wanted. Mr. Cleveland wrote Whitney such a letter of thanks as few men in this world have regarded. men in this world have received. Later on he begged Whitney to make his choice of cabinet places or of all other places within a president's gift. Whit-ney wished only to be let alone.

So many tales have been told concern-ing an alleged quarrel between Presi-dent Cleveland and Mr. Whitney that it is well to give the truth. This I am eble to do authoritatively. There never was any quarrel or rupture. Their rela-tions have always been and still are cordial. It is not true that Mr. Clevelane and Mr. Whitney have had no personal meeting since the inauguration. They have met a number of times and are likely to meet again in a few weeks.

It is true that in distribution of official patronage in New York state the president was less conciliatory to the Hill-Tammany people than Mr. Whit-ney thought he ought to be, consider-ing all the given states. But it was nly a difference of opinion, and Mr. Whitney cared so little about it that he made no effort to interfere.

In the history of American politics probably there never was a finer example of managerial skill than that which Mr. Whitney gave us in the campaign of 1892. Nothing but genius of a high order could have taken hold of the discontented elements in New York and

wrought out victory.

I am able to say on authority that if
Mr. Whitney shall change his mind and
wish to be considered an aspirant for next year's nomination he will have the

support of President Cleveland.

Mr. Cleveland would be a base ingrate if he were to fail to do everything reasonable within his power to compass
the ambition of Whitney. Every one
who knows anything of the inside workings of the 1892 campaign knows that Mr. Oleveland could not have been accommanded at Chicago without Whit-hey's generalship. He might have been elected without Whitney at the head of the campaign, but that is by no means Mr. Whitney's personal sacrifices in Mac's Try it, and you will de-

No one will ever know how much money he spent in the first place. Mr. Whitney will never know, nor does he care. He is of the temperament that stops at nothing but success, no matter how great the sacrifice or the effort required to win it. I have heard his contribution estimated as high as \$250,000. It could not have been much less, for whenever not have been much less, for whenever there was a money gap Mr. Whitney was the man who stepped in and stopped it. The gaps were frequent and wide. Not only of money, but of strength, did he contribute lavishly. Naturally a somewhat sluggish man, he was keyed at high pitch for several months. He at high pitch for several months. loft his family practically to itself. He gave up dinners and smoking and drinking. He trained himself like an athlete. He conserved every atom of his strength that all might be used in carrying on

When the fight was over and the victory was won, he asked nothing but a chance to rest. He refused to be secretary of state or anything else. He de-clined to have a word to say about who should or who should not be placed in office. He washed his hands of the whole business and soon went away to he old world for recreation.

People were surprised, but said Mr.

Whitney was only biding his time; that he had cast his bread on the waters and that he would bob up as an aspirant for he successorship. Well, the time has one in which he should show his hand if he has one to show, and again he wants nothing. His friends go to him by the score and tell him he could have the nomination if he would only mov-his hand and set a few wheels going. He resolutely declines to do it. It is a rtain as that the sun shines that Whitney is to become the nomince must be brought about by the party it-self, not by such combination and effort and manipulation as produced the nomination of Mr. Cleveland three years

Why did Mr. Whitney contribute his efforts to the Cleveland cause in 1892 without hope of reward? Why is he wholly without ambition for presiden tial honors? These are questions which every one is asking, and the answer is most interesting. Mr. Whitney is both young and vigorous. He enjoys life and wants to live a long time. He knows as well as any man in this country knows that the presidency is a slave's life. There is no peace in it. Mr. Whit ney says there never was a happy presi-dent of the United States. Cleveland is not happy and will not be till he get out of the White House. Harrison wa not happy in Washington, though I appears willing to come back and try appears willing to come back and try it again. Arthur was not happy, and Hayes only moderately so. Mr. Whitney believes that he who becomes president of the United States must determine to sacridec himself on the altar of duty. He consigns himself to physical drudgery and mental terment during the term of collegand less the of office and leses the power to be there oughly contented thereafter. Mr. Whit-ney leves life and its good things too well to immedate himself for the sake of a longer biography when he is gathered to his fathers

But I still have to tell why he plunged nimself into the battle of 1892 ecause he leved his party, because loved his friends and could not sit silent and inactive while they were in danger of defeat. There is no man in the Demceratic party more loyal to that organization than Mr. Whitney. There is note anywhere that will go farther or do

more for his friends.

It is this quality in him, this predominating characteristic, which is likely to force him into the campaign of next year. Probably he would be perfectly content to take up the fight for the party for success at the polls, if he could be assured of being let off for another long vacation when the fight was won. That he would prefer this to his own candidacy I have not the slightest doubt, and I know Mr. Whitney pretty well. But at the same time one must believe the same quality would force him to accept leadership if the party were to press him into service as its can

It is not because Mr. Whitney fears the Democratic party will lose in 1896 that he declines to be a candidate. He and industrial conditions in the country are fast making for Democracy's good. He bolieves local conditions in New York are promising a return of Democ racy to power in state and city at ar early day. Ho believes the Democratic party is nearer the masses of the people than any other, and in promotion of international bimetallism - which Mr. Whitney looks upon as the only and the inevitable solution of the currency prob lem not only in this country, but the out the world—will it find its greatest strength and surest future.—Wulter Wellman in Chicago Times-Herald.

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